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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/627,581	Applicant(s) TSUCHIHASHI ET AL.	
	Examiner Vincent Q Nguyen	Art Unit 2858	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 July 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because in figure 1, box No. 14, should be labeled "Oscillator Circuit"; box No. 14 should be labeled "Receiver Circuit". Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
2. Figures 1-3, 4A-4C, and 5-8 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled

"Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.121(d)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 3, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yaacov et al. (5,237,330).

Regarding claim 1, Yaacov et al. discloses a device (Figure 2A) in which an oscillating output, from a gate of an FET (11) functioning as an oscillator, is coupled via a resonant line (13) to a transmit-receive antenna (12) (Column 2, lines 45-46), a wave transmitted from said antenna (12) and returned as a reflected wave, is received at said gate (11), and a beat signal component output from said gate due to a phase difference between said transmitted and said reflected wave is taken as a moving object wave detection signal (Column 2, lines 22-32).

Regarding claim 3, Yaacov et al. discloses said FET is a GaAs FET (Column 2, lines 37).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2, 4, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yaacov et al. (5,237,330) in view of Matsui et al. (5,450,040).

Regarding claim 2, Yaacov et al. discloses every subject matter recited in the claim except for explicitly discloses slot-coupled to said resonant line by a triplate structure.

Matsui et al. discloses oscillator for microwave and further discloses several coupling means to couple to the resonant line includes the slot-coupled (33) to the resonant line by a triplate structure (4) (Figure 20) for the purpose of enhancing the connection of the resonator lines (Column 15, lines 8-32).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the slot-coupled to the resonant line as taught by Matsui et al. into the system of Yaacov because slot-coupled to the resonant line by a triplate structure is one of the well known technique to couple to the resonant line.

Regarding claim 4, Yaacov et al. discloses said FET is a GaAs FET (Column 2, lines 37).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Patent No. 5,130,675 (Sugawara) discloses (Figure 2) a typical circuit diagram of a prior art microwave voltage-controlled oscillator employing a GaAs FET and its noise characteristics

Patent No. 5,805,023 (Fukuden) discloses (Figure 1) a high performance of the capability to amplify a maximum frequency of 20 GHz or higher.

The IEEE article A 10.5 GHz direction sensitive Doppler module using a GaAs FET discloses a dielectric resonator consists of a GaAs FET magnetically couples two microstrip lines.

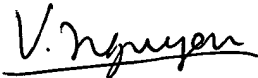
Contact Information

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent Q Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2234. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, N. Le can be reached on (571) 272-2233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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August 25, 2004

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Art Unit 2858